



STAYING AHEAD OF THE CURVE THE NEXT GENERATION OF A DELTA WORKFORCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | DoubleTree Memphis Downtown

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| 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Registration – Hallway past elevators on main level |
| 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Welcome – Tennessee Ballroom
Brad Thompson, Chair, DLN Regional Advisory Council
Hon. Peter Kinder, Alternate Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority
Hon. Mark Luttrell, Mayor, Shelby County, TN |
| 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Keynote: The Future of Work, Jobs, and the Economy
Chris Winton, VP Human Resources, FedEx
<i>Introduced by Brad Thompson (TN 2012)</i> |
| 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Break |
| 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. | Engaging Youth in the Workforce Pipeline
Paige Roberts, Co-Founder, Pathways2Possibilities
Andy Sisulak, Board Member, eLaunch Williamson County
Andrew Parker, Director of Governmental Affairs, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
<i>Moderated by Tim Lampkin (MS 2015)</i> |
| 4:45 – 5:00 p.m. | The History & Neighborhood of the Stax Museum
<i>Introduced by Christy Valentine (AR 2009)</i> |
| 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Reception and Tour Stax Museum & Music Academy
926 E. McLemore Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106
<i>Presented by Tennessee Valley Authority</i>
*Transportation will be provided from the lobby of the DoubleTree |

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | DoubleTree Memphis Downtown



8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast – Tennessee Ballroom

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Thinking Ahead of the Curve – State Initiatives to Proactively Address Workforce Needs

- 60 by 25 – Deborah Barnett, Workforce Education and Development, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- Drive to 55 – Steven Gentile, Associate Chief Fiscal Officer, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
- LED Faststart – Paul Helton, Executive Director, LED FastStart

Moderated by Jennifer Olson (IL 2016)

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions:

- **Using Service Opportunities to Support Workforce Development and Meet Employer Needs** – Gayoso
Rosa Moreno, Service Year Alliance
Introduced by Spencer Luckner (AR 2016)
- **Developing Public-Private Partnerships that Serve All** – Ballroom
 - Margaret Prater, Executive Director, Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board
 - Lee Lingo, Executive Director, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers/KY FAME
 - Dr. Chad Stocks, Vice President for Workforce Development, Career and Technical Education, and Adult Basic Education, Hinds Community College*Moderated by Landy Fuqua (TN 2016)*
- **Preparing Your Workforce for Brownfields Redevelopment** – Desoto
Dr. John Sutherlin, Executive Director, Research Corporation of Louisiana
Introduced by Bill Rawls (TN 2016)

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch Plenary – Tennessee Ballroom

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:15 Keynote: The Trump Administration's Vision for Apprenticeships and On-Site Training

Mark Zelden, Special Assistant to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration *(invited)*

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Break

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- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. **Changing the Culture of Unemployed Communities through Career Development in Education**
University of West Alabama Charter School
Dr. J.J. Wedgeworth, Head of School
Dr. Ken Tucker, President
Moderated by Gena Robbins (AL 2016)
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Load buses**
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Field Experience – Crosstown Concourse**
Led by Bevin Hunter (AR 2016)
1350 Concourse Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104
- 3:00-3:30 Buses load and travel to Crosstown Concourse
 - 3:30-6:00 Group tours will cycle through five different stops within Crosstown to learn about different services, organizations, and businesses within the community
 - 6:00 & 7:30 Buses will transport attendees back to hotel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | DoubleTree Memphis Downtown

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast** – Tennessee Ballroom
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Re-group with your State in the room specified below**
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **State Meetings – *What Now?***
Breakout sessions led by Regional Advisory Council Members
- A discussion on how information from conference should be shared and/or used to implement new strategies.
 - Business planning state engagement activities for coming year.
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| AL – Desoto (<i>1st floor</i>) | LA – Adler Suite (<i>room 833</i>) |
| AR – Adams (<i>left section</i>) | MO – Chelsea (<i>right section</i>) |
| IL – Gayoso (<i>2nd floor</i>) | MS – Crump Boardroom (<i>1st floor</i>) |
| KY – Registration Hall | TN – Beale (<i>middle section</i>) |
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **Closing Plenary** – Tennessee Ballroom
10:45-11:05 Regional Advisory Council Members report state discussion and any ideas for implementation
- 11:10-12:00 **Closing Keynote**
Hon. Chris Caldwell, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority